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SUBJECT: MEIR KAHANE PROPOSES MEASURES TO PROTECT JEWS IN OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM

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1. IN A SPARSELY ATTENDED NEWS CONFERENCE JUNE 15, MEIR KAHANE, HEAD OF THE JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE, PROPOSED TWO MEASURE TO STOP ALLEGED EPIDEMIC OF ATTACKS ON JEWS IN OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM. FIRST, VOLUNTEERS, TRAINED AND ARMED WITH BATONS AND FIREARMS, IF LICENSED, WILL ESCORT JEWS FROM JAFFA GATE (MAIN ENTRANCE INTO THE OLD CITY FROM WEST JERUSALEM) TO WESTERN (WAILING) WALL. SECOND, LEAFLETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED CALLING FOR A BOYCOTT OF OLD CITY MERCHANTS UNTIL ATTACKS STOP. KAHANE SAID HE KNEW OF PERSONS PREPARED TO RETALIATE AGAINST ARAB "HOODLUMS" IF THESE MEASURES PROVED INADEQUATE, BUT DENIED HE ADVOCATED SUCH RETALIATION.

2. JERUSALEM POLICE JUNE 15 DETAINED FOUR YOUNG ARABS SUSPECTED OF ASSAULTS UPON JEWS IN THE OLD CITY, ACCORDING TO THE JERUSALEM POST. FURTHER ARRESTS ARE ANTICIPATED.

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3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL ISOLATED INCIDENTS RECENTLY, KAHANE'S CHARGES OF NUMEROUS ATTACKS ON JEWS AND POLICE INACTION HAVE GENERALLY BEEN REJECTED BY ISRAELI POLICE AUTHORITIES, AND THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF WIDESPREAD FEAR AMONG JEWS VISITING OR LIVING IN OLD CITY. JERUSALEM PRESS CORPS SEEMS TO HAVE CONCLUDED THAT KAHANE'S STATEMENTS ARE NO LONGER NEWS WORTHY.
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